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Sir:

The comments attached herewith do not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process and therefore cannot be considered a "failure to engage in reasonable efforts" to conclude processing or examination of the application. Accordingly, the submission of said comments must not result in a reduction of the patent term adjustment of 635 days pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10). See O.G. 26 June 2001, lines 38-53.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant is appreciative of the Notice of Allowance papers dated July 12, 2007. Applicant offers the following comments regarding these documents.

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner recites the majority of the limitations of independent claim 1 and goes on to state that the closest prior art fail to anticipate or

render obvious the cited limitations. However, Applicants note that the other independent claims, primarily with respect to claims 4 and 11, do not recite the entirety of the features recited in independent claim 1.

Applicant respectfully notes that the invention is defined by all of the allowed claims, which stand upon their own recitations, and limitations should not be imputed to any of the claims based upon the statement of Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, Applicant respectfully reserves his right to argue alternative interpretations and additional patentable distinctions of the claimed invention over any alleged prior art, should that need ever arise, and do not necessarily agree with any characteristics of the invention and/or alleged advantages thereof.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact John R. Sanders (Reg. No. 60,166) at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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